

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 17, 2019*

## Gathering

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

*"Blest Are They"*

setting Anne Krentz Organ

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates us and forms us,  
who redeems us and calls us,  
who unites us and sends us.  
Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty and loving God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We seek our own way.**  
**We divide the body of Christ.**  
**In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.**  
**Let the words of our mouths,**  
**the thoughts of our hearts,**  
**and everything that we do**  
**be filled with faith, hope, and love.**  
Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me  
to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

I proclaim to you

that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength,

and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Song**

*Praise the Almighty*

ELW 877

LOBE DEN HERRN

## **Greeting**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Kyrie**

“Lord have mercy”

ELW p. 120

## **Gloria**

“Glory to God”

ELW p. 121

## **Prayer of the Day**

*The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty  
of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our  
lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.

**Amen.**

# Word

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings (17:5-11) that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death*

The First Reading is from the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Jeremiah:

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from  
the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

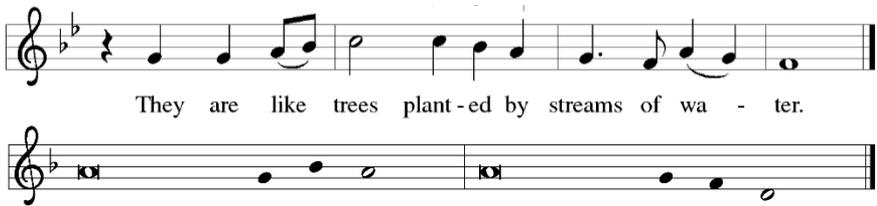
<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night. R**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> **It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

The Second Reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of First Corinthians:

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that God raised

Christ—whom God did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*ELW p. 124*

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## **Gospel**

Luke 6:17-26

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the dominion of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son-of-Man. <sup>23</sup>  
Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Children's Sermon

*We invite our children forward for a lesson before either returning to their seats or heading off to the nursery.*

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Blest Are They*

ELW 728

BLEST ARE THEY

## The Apostles Creed

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence is kept.*

*Each petition ends:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded:*

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## Meal

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## Announcements

*Announcements are made on behalf of the community*

## Offering

*An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. Funds gathered today will help sustain our ministry efforts at St. Mark's, support the wider national church and help those in need. You can also contribute electronically via our "Give+" giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play.*

## Offertory

*Musical selections are offered to the glory of God. The conclusion of which gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought forward.*

*Air*

by Susan Nelson

Bell Choir

## Offering Prayer

God of all creation,

all you have made is good,

and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth

and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts,

that we might be for the world

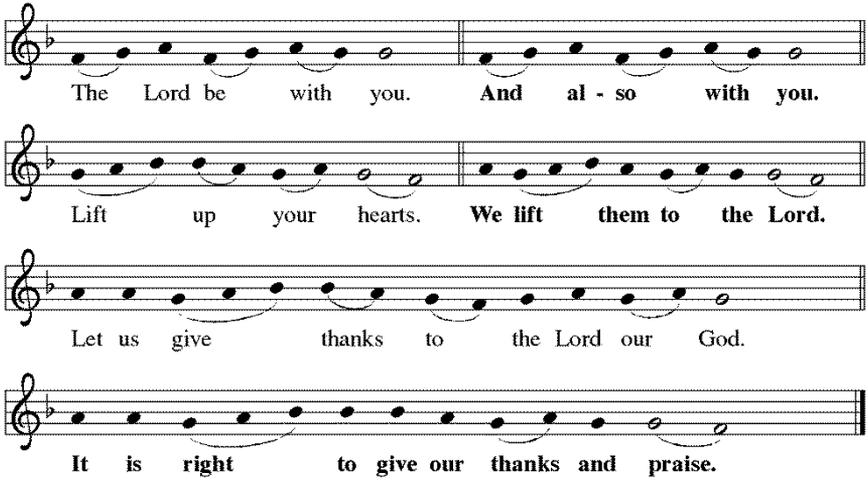
signs of your gracious presence

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

ELW pg 129

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Sanctus

ELW p. 130

“Holy Holy Holy”

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*The Great Thanksgiving concludes:*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Invitation to Communion

*Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine – all are welcome to commune.*

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

*The bread may be broken for the communion*

### Agnus Dei

ELW p. 135

“Lamb of God”

### Distribution of Communion

*Today we will receive communion around the altar rail. At the direction of the usher you are invited forward to receive communion.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond -- Amen.*

### Communion Hymns

ELW 479 - *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

HUNGRY FEAST

ELW 754 – *Jesus the Very Thought of You*

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### Post Communion Blessing

*The Assembly stands.*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Nunc Dimittis

ELW p. 135

“Now, Lord Let Your Servant”

## Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God,  
that you have fed us at your banqueting table  
with bread and wine beyond compare,  
the very life of Christ for us.  
Send your Spirit with us now,  
that we may set the captive free,  
use your gifts to build one another up,  
and in everything reflect your glory  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Sending

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*God blesses us and send us in mission to the world*

## Blessing

The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Song

*O God of Mercy, God of Light*

ELW 714

JUST AS I AM

## Dismissal

Go in peace, Christ is your light.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*Lobe den herren, O meine seele*

setting by Kristina Langlois

# Leading us in Worship

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<b>Presiding Minister</b>	The Rev. Bryan Penman	
<b>Director of Music</b>	Emily Ballentine Erb	
	<i><b>This Week</b></i>	<i><b>Next Week</b></i>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joe Jacovino	Katie Colaneri
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Matt Powell	Lara Hoffman
<b>Readers</b>	Garret Kriebel	Joe Jacovino
<b>Nursery</b>	Matt Fiore	The Powells
<b>Acolytes</b>	Stella Ruggiero	Gavin Kriebel
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pam Keebler	Sandy Portzer Joanne Copestick
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Portzer Joanne Copestick	Theodora Morley Karen Hanna
<b>Counters</b>	Deb Eskate Matt Fiore	LJ Kriebel Stephanie Conklin
<b>Offering Recorder</b>	Pam Keebler	Jennifer Schreiter
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	Open	The Fikes
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Gail Penman Kim Kriebel	Becca Casey Allison Fike
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Given by the Pokalo family for blessings received	The Conklin family

## Worship Ministry Announcements:

*Ways we gather in praise of God*

### **Share the Love Sunday**

We extend a warm welcome on this special “Valentine’s Day” “Share the Love” Sunday as we celebrate God’s love for us, our community and the creation. You’re invited to join us for a special project for kids and families downstairs in the auditorium after worship. We’ll be putting together “Blessings Bags” to distribute to those experiencing homelessness.

### **Dinner Church @ 6PM on Thursdays**

“Dinner Church” has great roots in the Christian tradition. Meals feature prominently in our great tradition of faith, from pot lucks, to picnics, to the Holy Supper we share in communion – food plays a central role in who we are as Christians. Dinner Church is a very relaxed worship experience; some come right from work, some right from the gym, some from just picking the kids up. No matter where you are on your faith journey you are welcome here at Dinner Church.

### **Altar Flower Sponsorship**

We have openings for Altar Flowers in March. Cost is \$40.00 for the week and please indicate if you would like to keep this as an annual memorial, or just a memorial for this year.

## Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

*Ways you can deep your faith life*

### **Faith Formation Classes after worship**

In place of faith formation today, our congregation will be participating in service projects after worship – join us in the auditorium as we make ways to share God’s love with the wider community!

### **Confirmation Class after worship**

Confirmation class will hold it’s make up session after the service projects today in Pastor’s office.

## Service Ministry Announcements:

*Ways you can do God's work with your hands*

### 2018 Year-End Giving Statements Available Now

Please pick up your 2018 Year-end Giving Statement and 2019 Offering Boxes in the back of the sanctuary today.

### Knitters & Crocheters

We're still collecting 12" knitted or crocheted squares to be assembled into blankets that we'll take to the Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC) in Norristown. If you have any questions, please speak to Kathy Pokalo or Karen Hanna.

### Items Needed at Our Local Food Bank

Our local food bank run by our friends over at Colonial Neighborhood Council have a special need for Chef Boyardee products and canned fruit. Collection baskets in the back of the sanctuary. Items are delivered to CNC weekly.

## Evangelism Ministry Announcements:

*Ways you can share your faith with others*

### Easter Egg Industry Continues

Our annual Easter Egg Candy making fundraiser production continues! Volunteers needed on Monday and Wednesday evening for candy making and chocolate coating as well as Friday mornings to assist with packing. This is St. Mark's largest fundraiser and we need lots of help to make the 101<sup>st</sup> year another successful season in the longstanding Conshohocken tradition.

**Monday Evenings 6pm – 8pm:** Volunteers are needed to help roll / cut fondant centers. We are in special need of folks who can volunteer from 5pm – 7pm in the kitchen to assist with making the candy batches.

**Wednesday Evenings 6pm – 8pm:** Volunteers are needed to help coat the candies in dark chocolate, each candy is hand coated so we need lots of hands to help coat the candies!

**Friday Mornings 9am – 11am:** Packers are needed to help pack and weight the candies in boxes.

**To place orders:** you may order in person during production, fill out an order form (available in the back of the sanctuary) and turn it into the church office,

or you may contact our order coordinator Donna Kobi 610.825.3021, or you may place an order using our website ([www.stmarksconshy.org](http://www.stmarksconshy.org))

## Connect with us online

Are you a “fan” of the St. Mark’s facebook page? Did you like the photo we posted on Instagram? Did you know we could be trending on Twitter? St. Mark’s offers a variety of ways to connect virtually beyond our worship services. Check out our online presence, share our messages with friends and family as we seek to spread God’s love with those who need to see the greatness of God’s grace!



## Becoming Members of St. Mark’s

Are you interested in finding out more about becoming a member of the St. Mark’s community? Speak with Pastor about taking the next steps to join our congregation.

## This Week at St. Mark’s

<b>Monday</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<i>6-8pm Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>3pm – 7pm</i>	<i>7pm – Council Mtg</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>6-8pm Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels 8:00pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>Dinner Church 6-7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:45pm</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<b>Friday</b> <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>9-11 am Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7 pm: AA / Al-Anon 8:30 AA Group</i>
<b>Saturday</b>		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service 10:30am - Faith Formation</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>

# Welcome to St. Mark's, We're so glad you are with us today!

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. *This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.* We are a church that shares a living and daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

**Children are always welcome** to participate in worship. To help our youngest worshippers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. We offer a "Soft Space" for infants and toddlers to spread out a bit in during worship. Worshiping with children is important to us, and so we hope you find these things helpful so that you may worship together as a family.

**Restrooms** are located through the back left – exit the sanctuary, go up the stairs, through the first room to the end of the hallway. If you need assistance, please see the attendants (ushers) at the back of the sanctuary.

**Cell phones** and other electronic devices are welcome to be used to Post, Tweet and Instagram the "Good News" you hear today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off on them so that they do not cause a distraction to other worshippers.

**Our team of ushers** is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need. Assistive Listening devices are available. Please see an usher.

**Are you new or visiting St. Mark's?** If you would like to receive more information about St. Mark's, we have several methods where you can leave your information with us: Visitor books at the entrance to the sanctuary Yellow Visitor Cards in the pew backs, just drop them in the offering plate We would be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again.